The Cochin Verumpattam Tenants' Permanent Settlement Bill

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Sir, I would like to bring to your notice that the Government are introducing an identical Bill which has already been drafted. I request your kind permission that this Bill may be taken up along with the Government Bill. If I don't move it today, the notice will lapse. I want to know whether I have to give fresh notice?

Mr. President : You have to give fresh notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Is the Government going to bring the Bill in the next meeting?

Mr. President : Yes. It will be ready at the next session.

Motion for introduction not moved

The Cochin Agriculturists' Bare Subsistence Bill

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move that The Cochin Agriculturists' Bare Subsistence Bill be continued by the Hon'ble House. There is not much of a plea required for this, since the Bill lapsed due to my absence from this State last summer and my absence consequently from this House. And as a matter of precedence, in this Hon'ble House, this can be allowed to be passed without contest, at this stage and objection, if any, can very well be taken at the time of the introduction of the Bill. I request that the Hon'ble House may be pleased to grant me leave to continue the Bill.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Sir, leave for the introduction of this Bill has already been given by the Hon'ble House and there has been, I hope, sufficient time for the hon'ble members to understand my point of view in this proposed legislation. Just only as a remembrancer, I may be permitted to read the objects and reasons of this Bill.

"It is now nearing a decade since we, in common with the outside world have been suffering from the ills of an unprecedented depression. Ours being predominantly an agricultural country, the depression has wrought greater havoc on our peasant population. The burden of debts of agriculturists increased in proportion to the fall in prices of agricultural commodities and what with the harassment of the creditor and what with the fore-lorn hope of finding means to maintain his family, life for an agriculturist has become a continuing misery. The magnitude of this distress could be gauged from the startling statistics supplied by the Government in the House on the 3rd Dhanu 1107, according to which in about a decade, the number of *pattadars* in a small village of the State namely Azhicode, fell from 457 to 350.

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